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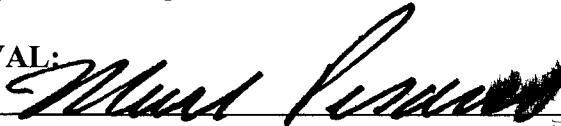
DATE: September 1, 2005

TO: Administration and Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Securing Our Share: Blueprint Planning Grant Funds for SCAG

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt Resolution to apply for and accept Blueprint Planning Grant Funds.

SUMMARY:

Staff is preparing to apply for up to \$ 3,000,000 in Blueprint Planning Grant Funds, a program announced in the recent California State budget. Through discussions with Caltrans and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), our preliminary concept for funds application will focus on integrating Compass implementation with regionwide demonstration projects, and development of a regional housing planning strategy that will improve mobility and also implement Compass. The SCAG Blueprint application will stress our commitment to public engagement throughout our processes.

BACKGROUND:

In the state budget, \$5 Million was included for MPOs to conduct regional planning activities, aimed at improving statewide mobility. To be administered by Caltrans, these Blueprint Planning Grant Funds require a resolution by the MPO's governing body. Staff will prepare the application, which is due September 30th. Awards will be announced by the end of November, with work expected to begin on Jan 1, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT:

SCAG will be required to provide a 20% cash or in-kind match, to be financed with non-federal funds. Demonstrating more matching funds will be advantageous when applications are reviewed by Caltrans.

**RESOLUTION #05-466-2 OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TO APPROVE AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND
ACCEPT CALIFORNIA REGIONAL BLUEPRINT PLANNING
PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for six counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial;

WHEREAS, the FY 2005-2006 California State Budget includes \$5 million in funding statewide available only to MPOs for a two-year California Regional Blueprint Planning Grant Program designed to support related statutory requirements, programs and guidelines that address the need for integrated planning;

WHEREAS, each Blueprint Planning Grant awarded by the State will require at least a 20% cash or in-kind match financed with non-federal funds. SCAG intends to apply for up to \$3,000,000 in grant funds, which will require a 20% match, equaling \$ 750,000; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Blueprint Planning Program is a voluntary, competitive grant program that will initiate or augment existing efforts of MPOs and Councils of Government (COGs) to conduct comprehensive scenario planning that results in consensus by regional leaders, local governments and stakeholders on a preferred growth scenario for a twenty-year planning horizon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments to authorize SCAG to apply for, accept and manage a Regional Blueprint Planning Grant and to collaborate with other stakeholders in the grant program, and to implement the grant through the FY 2005-2006 OWP as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. That the Regional Council approves and authorizes submittal of the grant and related documents for approval to the State, and if the grant is approved, include the Blueprint Planning Grant funds in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 OWP;
2. That SCAG pledges to secure cash or in-kind services, or both, for the matching funds necessary to receive Blueprint Planning Grant funds; and
3. That the SCAG Executive Director or in his absence, the Deputy Executive Director, is hereby designated and authorized by the Regional Council to execute all related agreements on behalf of the Regional Council for receipt of the Blueprint Planning Grant funds.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the unanimous vote of the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at a regular meeting this 1st day of September, 2005.

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